

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 16 – SB 230

January 27, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Teacher's Discipline Act*. Establishes a process authorizing teachers to request the removal of students from classrooms, which provides notice to applicable students and an appeal process for teachers whose removal requests are denied. Requires each public charter school governing body to adopt various policies regarding student discipline. Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on the implementation and compliance of this Act beginning on or before February 1, 2023. Effective January 1, 2022.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-4008 currently authorizes teachers to relocate students for safety reasons and allows for the use of reasonable and justifiable force if deemed necessary; the proposed legislation creates a detailed process for a student's removal from the classroom and establishes new reporting requirements.
- Public schools and public charter schools will be able to comply with the requirements of the proposed legislation within existing resources; therefore, any fiscal impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.
- DOE will comply with the additional reporting requirements utilizing existing staff and resources; therefore, any fiscal impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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